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SUBJ: CIVAIR - BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

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1. IN CONNECTION WITH TRANSMITTING FONOFF NOTE ON SUBJECT OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS AND TWA SCHEDULE (REFTEL), EMBASSY CONTACTED CAA AND MIN TOURISM/CIVAIR TO RELAY CONTENTS TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS SINCE PROPOSED DATE FOR MEETING IN WASHINGTON IS ONLY ONE MONTH AWAY. (FONOFF IS SOMETIMES SLOW IN PROCESSING DIP NOTES.)

2. FOUAD MOURSI, U/S IN MINTOURISM WHO WILL PROBABLY CHAIR EGYPTIAN DEL, CALLED BACK ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS TO REQUEST THAT MEETING BE HELD IN CAIRO RATHER THAN WASHINGTON. UNLIKE LAST EFFORT TO HAVE VENUE SHIFTED, MOURSI RATIONALE THIS TIME WAS FACT THAT GOE TEAM WOULD BE VIRTUALLY UNABLE TO GET INSTRUCTIONS IN WASHINGTON DURING COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS: THEY WOULD HAVE TO DEPART CAIRO WITH PRE-DETERMINED POSITION. AS MATTERS STAND NOW, MOURSI POINTED OUT, THAT POSITION WOULD NOT BE IN TWA'S FAVOR ON EITHER FIFTH-FREEDOM OR SCHEDULE EXPANSION QUESTIONS.

3. ON BASIS OUR EXPERIENCE WITH CONSULTATIONS HELD IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FALL OF 75, MOURSI HAS A VERY GOOD POINT. DEPT WILL RECALL

EFFORT THAT WAS REQUIRED TO SECURE GOE'S POLITICAL INPUT TO NEGOTIATING TEAM'S ATTITUDE ON TWA PROBLEM, WHICH WAS ACTUALLY MADE DURING COURSE OF MEETINGS THEMSELVES. IF TEAM IS IN WASHINGTON, IT WILL ESSENTIALLY OPERATE ON ITS OWN, AND SINCE IT WILL CONSIST OF MINTOURISM AND EGYPTIAIR PERSONNEL ONLY, OUTCOME IS FOREGONE. FURTHER, GIVEN RELATIVELY LONG LEAD TIME TO OBTAIN PROPER POLITICAL GUIDANCE, EMBASSY WOULD HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME OBTAINING REACTION BEFORE TEAM LEFT.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE MAY BE PROBLEM RELATED TO SENDING TEAM HERE INSTEAD. DEPT IS IN A BETTER POSITION TO ASSESS IMPORTANCE OF FIFTH FREEDOM AND SCHEDULE QUESTIONS TO TWA, BUT WE BELIEVE THEY HAVE BETTER CHANCE OF BEING SETTLED TO TWA'S SATISFACTION IF TALKS ARE HELD IN CAIRO. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. FYI: EGYPTAIR HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN OBTAINING "COOPERATION" FROM OTHER AIRLINES OPERATING HERE, AND TWA'S REFUSAL TO DO THE SAME, WHILE FULLY JUSTIFIABLE, MAKES THE EGYPTIANS LESS WILLING TO BE FORTHCOMING. IN SECURING ITS BEYOND RIGHTS TO KUWAIT, FOR EXAMPLE, TUNIS AIR AGREED TO A REBATE OF 20 PERCENT TO EGYPTAIR, A PRACTICE SIMILAR TO THAT FOLLOWED BY MOST OTHERS. WE DO NOT ADVOCATE THAT TWA BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY, BUT WISH TO NOTE THAT BECAUSE IT DOES NOT, COMPANY MAY FACE DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING WHAT IT WANTS. HOLDING TALKS HERE WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR EMBASSY TO PROTECT TWA'S - AND USG'S - INTERESTS. END FYI. EILTS

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